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Long Life and Good Health to the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!

EDITORIAL

Our People Will Be Ever-victorious As They Advance Dynamically with One Mind and One Purpose, Attending the Great Leader with High Esteem

Today our people, who hold the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in high esteem and follow the guidance of the glorious Party, are living in an era of heretofore unprecedented national thriving and prosperity in their long history and enjoying infinite happiness and honour.

The entire people are united solidly around the great leader with one mind and one purpose, forming a harmonious, big revolutionary community. All people enjoy a worthwhile life. Filled with confidence and hope, they are vigorously advancing toward a brighter future.

A long period from the dawn of Juche Korea radiating hopes to the present day is characterized by victory and glory achieved under the guidance of the great leader. The hearts of our people who enjoy boundless happiness in the gracious embrace of the great leader are filled with a great national pride and confidence in living and making revolution with a high esteem for him.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a great thinker and theoretician who fathered the guiding idea of revolution in our times; he is a great revolutionary practician who has run up the staircase of countless wonders to glory as in a legendary tale; he is a matchless, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander; and he is an affectionate father of all our people who shows warm care for them, taking them to his all-embracing heart.

Over half a century, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, while always taking the lead in overcoming great hardships beyond all understanding as well as innumerable ordeals, delivered the lost country and nation; turned this country into a powerful socialist state shedding its brilliance all over the world; and made our people, who had been stateless in former days, a great, powerful and dignified people.

It is the highest honour and greatest happiness and pride that our people have respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung as their leader, who has performed epoch-making exploits in the midst of the severe tempest of the Korean revolution which will go down in the history of our country and who has shaped a brighter future.

As their happiness becomes greater, the thought of our people goes to the immeasurable hardships the great leader had to go through, the leader who has dedicated his all only to the country, people and revolution, his undying feats, and his great favours. And a firm resolve is born in their hearts, the resolve to hold forever the great leader in high esteem and always remain loyal to him.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a great thinker and theoretician who authored the immortal Juche idea and has brought about a new, proud era of history, the Juche era, enabling the masses of the people in this land to become masters of the country and hew out their destiny with their own efforts.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out:

"We are guided by the Juche idea which was created amid the flames of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and whose correctness and vitality have been tested through practical revolutionary struggle, and herein lie the source of our ever-victorious Party's might and the firm guarantee for the victory of socialist and communist cause in our country." ("On the Occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Workers' Party of Korea," Eng. ed., p. 9.)

At a time when our people were trying hard to free themselves from the yoke of imperialism and were groping for a way of struggle, the great leader produced splendid solutions to the urgent problems of the times by establishing a great truth that man is the most powerful being who is master of all things and decides everything and that the masses of the people should fight on with their own strength, believing in it.

Thanks to the creation of the Juche idea which brings the people to realize that they are masters of the revolution and gives them firm confidence in their own strength, the once oppressed and exploited people came forward in the struggle with an inexhaustible strength and zeal like an active volcano. With the creation of this idea our people came to have an encyclopedic guiding theory which gives answers to the problems raised in all stages of the revolution and in all its domains and came to possess an all-conquering weapon with which to confidently solve all problems in conformity with their actual conditions, using their own brains and putting forth their own strength.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is warmly greeted by Juvenile Corps members

True, the creation of the great Juche idea meant the emergence of a new revolutionary guiding idea which lit up the path ahead of struggle as brightly as the beacon flares in the darkness. It was a solemn, historic declaration announcing the advent of a new era, the great Juche era, the era in which the masses of the people would become captains and transform the world.

The Juche idea, the revolutionary idea of great Comrade Kim Il Sung, was developed and enriched, its correctness was tested, through the tempest of his half-a-century revolutionary struggle. It has found its embodiment in our reality and sheds its brilliant rays all around.

The history of the great leader's glorious and brilliant half-a-century revolutionary struggle is a history of the proud victory of his immortal Juche idea, in which he fathered this conception and intelligently led the struggle for sovereignty, independence and socialist construction under the banner of this idea to bring about an era of great national prosperity.

Many, many years have passed till now since the great leader started the revolutionary cause of Juche. For all these years he uplifted the revolutionary banner of the Juche idea and led victoriously the struggle to regain the lost sovereignty of the nation, make the masses of the people the genuine master of society and provide them with an independent and creative life, and thus performed undying exploits in carrying through the cause of national liberation, class emancipation and liberation of mankind.

In the course of implementing the conception of Juche under the great leader's guidance, our country which remained backward and poverty-stricken in the past has become a strong, socialist country independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliance in national defence; a socialist system has been established under which all things serve the masses of the working people.

In this way, a big flower garden of Juche has come into being, where everybody sings of his happiness and where the worth and dignity of human being is most treasured.

Indeed, the foundation and embodiment of the great guiding idea by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung which represents both the present age and a future society and the building up of a brilliant golden tower of Juche—this is an undying historic merit which will shine for millions upon millions of years.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a great revolutionary practician who has left behind the half-a-century unprecedentedly arduous and severe revolutionary struggle heroic epic stories of countless miracles and victories which will long shine in the history of our country.

The great leader fought against two imperialisms, the formidable enemies, combated against all hues of opportunism and, treading the rugged and thorny path no one had ever traversed, carried out the two serious social revolutions and creditably accomplished the most difficult and complex historical task of converting a backward and war-ravaged country into a strong socialist industrial state.

Indeed, the modern history of Korea is characterized by marvelous events and immortal exploits performed by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung—such as the signal victories both in the heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle and in the Fatherland Liberation War, the historic changes effected by carrying out the democratic revolution and socialist revolution in an original way in a short span of time, the wonderful conversion of the underdeveloped, colonial agricultural country into a socialist industrial state, and so forth.

All these unprecedented victories and miraculous achievements are unthinkable apart from the illustrious and seasoned guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Our people could always advance straight toward victory, because the great leader, unrestrained by the existing formulas or propositions and sticking fast to the Juche-oriented stand, showed a short cut of history to victory no one had ever taken and formulated the unique line and policies.

Our people could maintain a clean slate along the straight short cut without falling into confusion, without going a long way round, in the stormy revolutionary struggle, because the great leader advanced, to begin with, the line of armed struggle which paved the way for victory of the Korean revolution in the dark period marked by frantic fascism of the Japanese imperialists and put forward many other splendid unique lines and policies and fighting slogans—such as the policy of the agrarian revolution and that of agricultural cooperation, the line of socialist industrialization and the line of carrying on the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural.

The great leader displayed such ingenious and extraordinary ability of leadership as deftly pulling through difficulties and making the adverse circumstances favourable ones. This invariably opened a breakthrough for the victory in the arduous and grim Korean revolution.

Throughout his prolonged guidance over the Korean revolution that involved many a battle and struggle such as the Arduous March, the onward movement of Chollima, the simultaneous building of the economy and defences and the huge socialist construction, etc., the great leader was faced with manifold hardships and difficult situation. Each time he boldly took the initiative with the rock-firm will and staunchness in combating them, pushed forward all work resolutely and enterprisingly and turned misfortune into blessing. This was how he led the masses of the people from one new victory to another.

The key to our people's continuous victories is also to be found in the method of leadership peculiar to the great leader—organizing and enlisting the inexhaustible strength and creative wisdom of the masses of the people to the largest possible extent.

The great might of the respected and beloved leader's leadership lies in relying on the inexhaustible strength of the masses of the people.

The respected and beloved leader, the great guide of the people, created an original method of work with which to solve all problems, giving priority to the work with people on the basis of the Juche idea and revolutionary mass line. He saw to it that all work—huge nature-remaking, technological transformation and remoulding of people's ideology—was powerfully pushed ahead as the work of the masses themselves by actively enlisting their wisdom and zeal.

The great leader who shares sweets and bitters with the people, always living right among them, visited every corner of the country regardless of weather conditions to awaken the masses and give them strength and courage. The result of such highly-inspiring on-the-spot guidance of his was that modern factories and villages sprang up and amazing innovations and changes were made.

The great leader, who is endowed with profound wisdom and proficient art of leadership, led the Korean revolution along the road of victory and glory. So, its splendid past and present cannot be thought of without his guidance. And this guidance is also a real earnest of its eternally-prospering future.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the great revolutionary guide who has firmly united our Party and the entire people in terms of thought and will and transformed the whole of society into an invincible revolutionary detachment, a big revolutionary community, thus attaining a great unity and coherence.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung declared:

"Our people are united solidly with one mind and one purpose on the basis of the Juche idea. In our country today the tendency to flunkeyism handed down over many years has been eliminated and the firm politico-ideological unity of all people materialized on the basis of the Juche idea." ("Answers to the Questions Raised by Foreign Journalists", Eng. ed., p. 345.)

A most brilliant and important merit of the great leader's guidance over our revolution is that the unity and cohesion of revolutionary ranks have been realized admirably, and this is precisely one of the undying exploits performed by the great leader.

The history of the great leader's revolutionary activities over half a century is a glorious history of his tireless efforts to achieve the unity and cohesion of revolutionary ranks and bring them on to a highest plane.

The great leader considered that the key to the victory in the revolution was

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THANKS TO THE GREAT LEADER OUR PEOPLE ENJOY TODAY'S

Greatest Jubilee of the Nation

The gala day of April has come to our land bathed in the warm spring sunshine.

On this memorable morning of the great leader's birthday, the whole country is bubbling over with great joy and excitement.

The Taedong-gang River flows westward skirting the Mangyongbong hill. Its blue waters are dancing as if to inform the vast sea of the national fete, and the sun high above in the sky is spreading its rays all over the mountains where flowers bloom, as if to celebrate the day.

Everywhere in towns and villages garbed in festive attire the slogan "May the great leader live long in good health!" has appeared and a variety of decorations with the words "In celebration of April 15th" are visible. Hoisted on every sunny window of apartment houses, the red-and-blue flag of our Republic with a lucid five-pointed star is fluttering in the breeze.

The historic place of Mangyongdae and the streets leading to it overflow with huge crowds of well-wishers greeting the significant holiday. The thoughts of all our fellow countrymen turn to Mangyongdae as their hearts glow with fervent allegiance. With the onset of this morning they all humbly bow to the fatherly leader with unbounded reverence. Among them are the hero miners of Komdok who have pushed forward their work at top speed in the van of the workers throughout the country raising the red banner of the three revolutions; the fishermen who are engaged in fishing operations out on the deep sea; the co-op farmers working on the fields who are in charge of grain production for the country; the armymen who are standing guard over the defence line; the Juvenile Corps members and lovely children who are the future masters of the country; the brothers and sisters in the southern part of our land; and the overseas compatriots.

On this festive occasion, our people sing of their greatest-ever happiness and glory to their hearts' content with the boundless pride and honour that they live and work under the guidance of the great leader, attending him faithfully.

The merry laughter of all holiday-makers, men and women, young and old, fills towns and villages. Parks and recreation grounds are also abustle with our working people who enjoy a hope-filled life to the full.

A smelter of the Kangson Steel Plant and a mother on the Twice Chollima Chongsan Co-op Farm say that the jubilant day of April makes them feel emotion-charged and think a lot. The same is true with all others.

In the past, our people, deprived of their country and power, had not witnessed a single joyous, happy day.

Here is the substance of what the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said to men of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army during the period of arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle.

Holiday is enjoyable to everyone. On such a day all should be allowed to wear good clothes, eat delicious food and chat with each other warm-heartedly. But how many people can really enjoy holiday like this now that the Japanese imperialists and landlords are present in our Korea and in this Northeast China?

Before liberation the New Year's day which comes round once a year was rather a tearful day than a happy day for our people. Red-letter days in the calendar meant nothing good to them who were pinched with poverty.

But today our people are living happily under the best socialist system provided by the great leader. Their everyday life is a joy and bliss.

The day when an end was put to the history of national tribulation and the cause of fatherland liberation realized, the day when our glorious Party was founded to victoriously carry out the revolutionary cause of Juche and the day when the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the banner of freedom and independence of our people and the powerful weapon for the revolution and construction, was established—all these occasions are observed as the auspicious holidays of our people.

As a matter of course, when the New Year's day arrives, our people celebrate it full of hope, looking back on the outgoing year adorned with miraculous successes. Yet we must say that our people always spend even ordinary days like agreeable holidays.

All the gala days and auspicious events and our great happiness owe entirely to the fatherly leader. Everything is hardly thinkable apart from the historic day—April 15th!

Our people who were forsaken and despised like pebbles on the road in the days gone by are demonstrating their national dignity and honour before the whole world and our country which suffered an eclipse on the world map is displaying its might as a socialist industrial state throughout the world. This is inseparable from the great leader's wise leadership.

The most valuable and proud things for our country and people are all associated with the respectful name of the great leader.

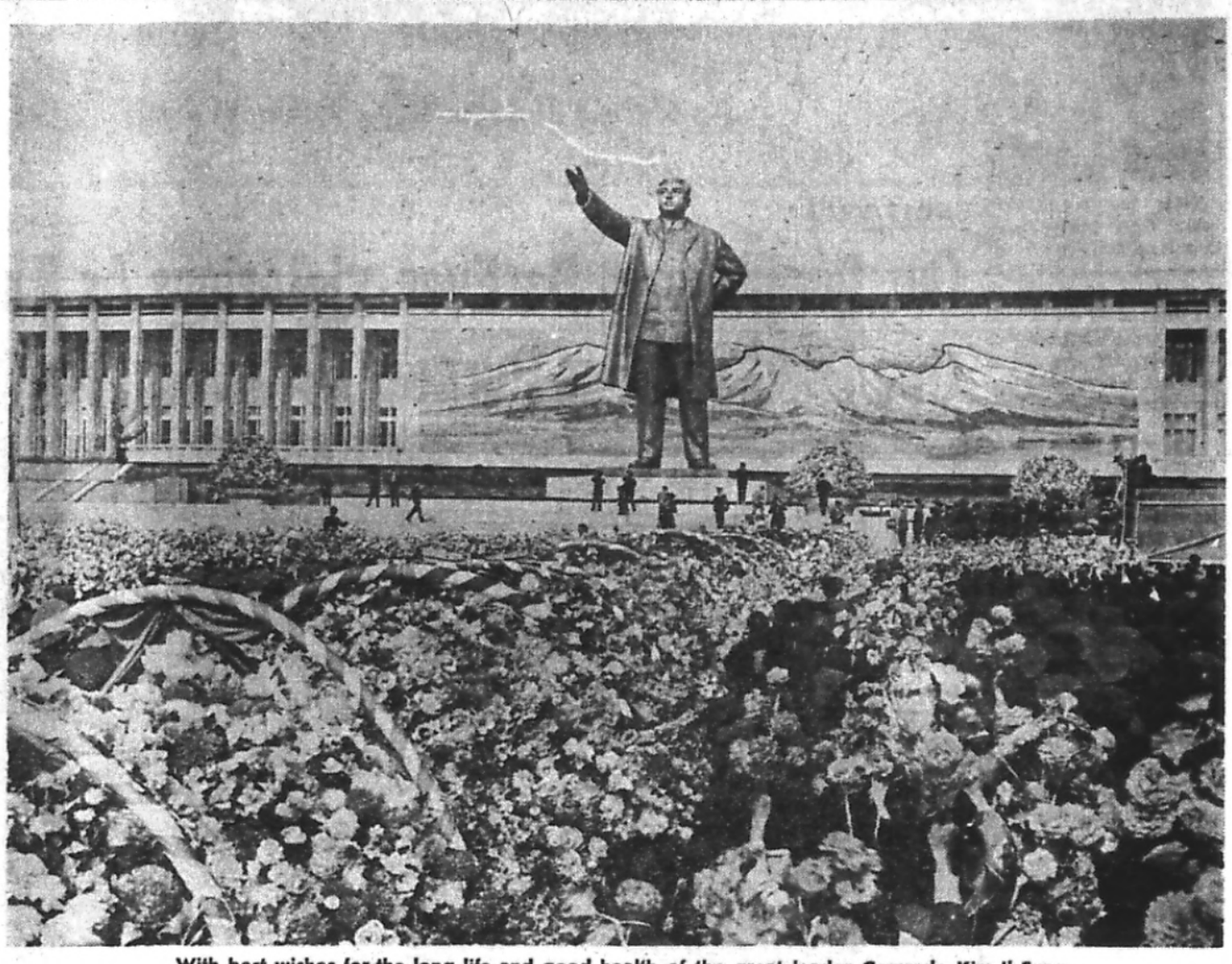
That is why the birthday of the great leader is the most significant holiday of all the memorable red-letter days of our people.

Our people mark his birthday as the greatest jubilee of the nation and their hearts burn with infinite veneration for and gratitude to the fatherly leader. They are filled with intense loyalty to follow the great leader till the end of the sun and the moon, holding him in high esteem.

This is not the feeling of our people in this land alone. Greeting the gala day of our nation, the minds of hundreds of millions of people of the world travel to the historic place of Mangyongdae across the continents and oceans, and they extend utmost glory and gratitude to the great leader with profound respect.

We sincerely wish the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung good health and a long life for the country's eternal prosperity and the happiness of all generations and for the victory of the world revolution.

Li Chang Gyu



With best wishes for the long life and good health of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, working people respectfully lay loyalty-filled baskets of flowers before the fatherly leader's statue erected in place of honour on the Mansudae Hill

SONG OF LOYALTY

He walked a long, long way of revolution,
Through snowstorms on the mountain range of Changbaek,
To him, the great leader, who's restored the country for us
Pledge our loyalty we Forty Million people.

He visits farms with his shoes wet with dew.
He calls at plants in the snowy early morning.

Great is the benevolence and it will shine for ever.
Sing our loyalty we Forty Million people.

Bright is the sun in the silk-embroidered land.
Flow the songs of happiness over the hills and rivers.
In the reunified country, under the leadership of his,
We Forty Million will enjoy the longevity of thousands of years.

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to achieve the unity and cohesion of revolutionary ranks under the banner of the Juche idea, opposing all hues of opportunism, and bent all possible efforts for this. These efforts culminated in the splendid realization of the historical task of uniting our revolutionary ranks.

Unity and cohesion of our revolutionary ranks are the unity in ideology and purpose, based on the monolithic idea, the Juche idea of the great leader; they are unity of kinship whose basis is warm love of the great leader for our people and infinite loyalty of our people to him; and they are indestructible unity, most solid and vital, which was tested by severe ordeal of history.

The greatest credit for the attainment of this unity and cohesion is due to the presence of the great leader, the greatness of his revolutionary idea, his prudent guidance and his noble qualities.

The great leader, always giving top priority to the ideological revolution, energetically steered the people toward equipping themselves with the Juche idea and realizing unity and cohesion based on the ideological system of Juche, and thus converted the entire Party and the whole of society into the ideologically integral whole in which the monolithic idea rules supreme.

The great leader who dedicates his whole life entirely to the interests of the people bestowed political integrity upon all the working people of our country who had been humiliated and forsaken in the past and thus he trained them to be revolutionists of Juche type and, showing parental affection and care for them in every aspect, brings them immense happiness.

Reborn in the fatherly leader's embrace of magnanimity and enjoying a fruitful and worthy life, our people feel their hearts aflame with inmost, intense loyalty and, firmly united around the great leader, are fighting on, fully ready to offer their youth and lives for him, the great leader, for the Party and the revolution.

The great leader serves for the good of the people and the people fight for him with all their devotion. This unbreakable bond of kinship made their great unity and cohesion incomparably firm and eternally invariable.

Our people's unity and cohesion are being consolidated on a new, higher level through a worthwhile struggle to realize the programme for imbuing the whole society with the Juche idea and our revolutionary ranks are being further reinforced into everlasting loyal detachments, contingents of pure unity in ideology and purpose, that strive to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche.

It is really a boundless happiness and pride of our people that the great leader achieved the rock-firm unity and cohesion of our revolutionary ranks and brought about today's resplendent victory and provided a sure guarantee for the brilliant future of the revolution.

The great leader is the sun of the nation who exerts all his efforts to establish national sovereignty on a nation-wide scale and reunify the divided country.

The great leader clarified the policy for independent national reunification, a policy for reunifying the country by the efforts of the Korean people themselves without any interference of outside forces, and he has put forward numbers of fair and reasonable proposals for its materialization and wisely led the struggle to smash the "two Koreas" plot of the US imperialists and their lackeys and their manoeuvres for provocation of a new war.

At present the south Korean people, looking up to the great leader as the sun of the nation, are waging a vigorous save-the-nation struggle for democratization of south Korean society and for hastening the independent reunification of the country and are administering still heavier blows to the enemy.

The great leader also brightly lit up the road to be followed by the overseas compatriots including Korean nationals in Japan and showed profound love and concern for them and thereby opened up a new brilliant chapter in the annals of the overseas compatriots movement.

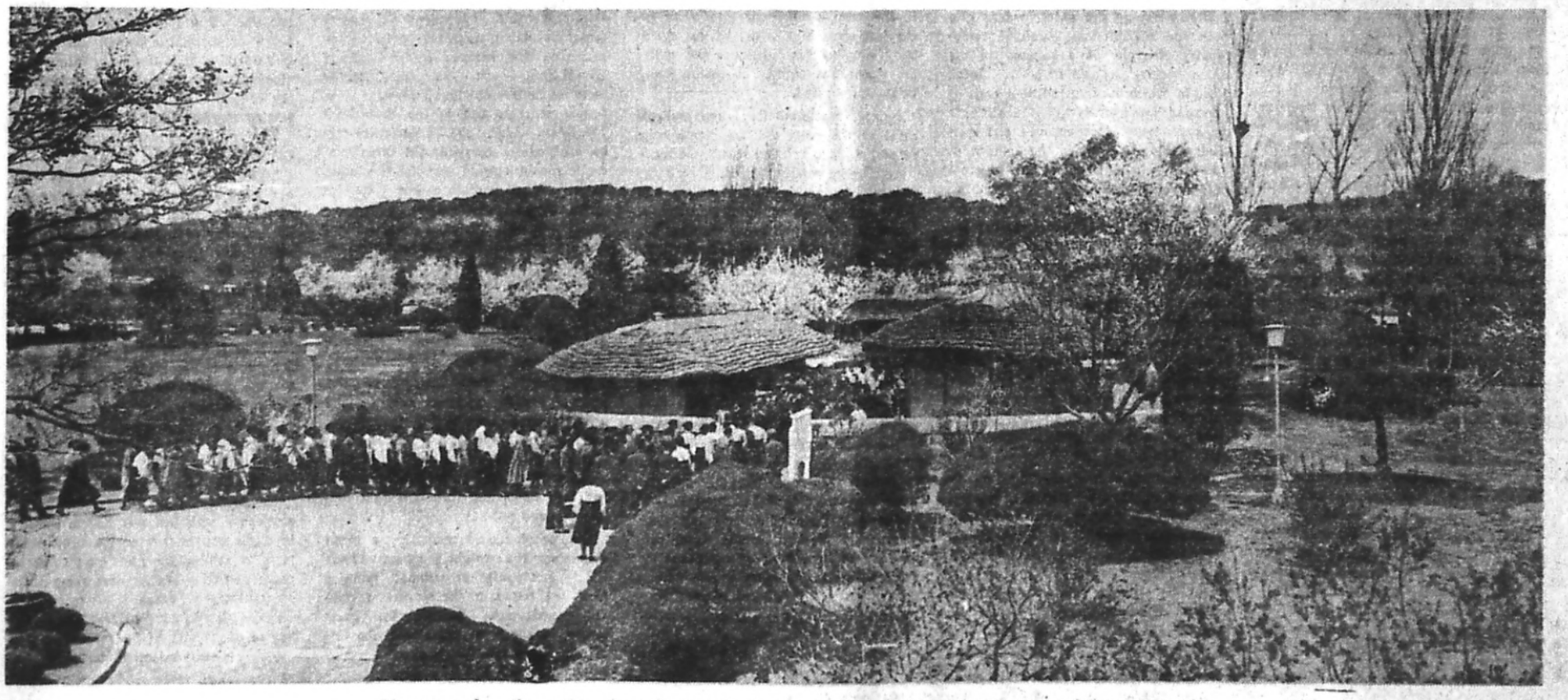
For his immortal historic contributions to the development of our revolution and the world revolution, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is today enlisting the unbounded respect and trust of the revolutionary peoples of the world.

Thanks to energetic external activities done by the great leader and our Party's independent foreign policy, the international position and influence of our Republic have grown as never before and our people have numerous friends, supporters and sympathizers for our revolution in all parts of the world.

The 50-year course of revolutionary struggle traversed under the great leader's guidance replete with victory and glory gave our people an abiding faith that a high esteem for the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a decisive factor behind infinite honour of our fatherland and happiness of our people and that when they follow his guidance, nothing is impossible and they are always victorious.

Our people will attend the great leader forever with a high esteem, fight constantly with increased vigor along the road of allegiance following the glorious Party and add everlasting lustre to the glorious age of Juche brought about by him.

Victorious is the cause of our people who, rallied closely around the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung with one mind and one purpose, will never cease to fight for the complete victory of socialism, for the achievement of the country's independent reunification and for the carrying out of the revolutionary cause of Juche.



Mangyongdae, the native place dear to the hearts of our people, where the sun of the nation rose

HAPPINESS AND GLORY, ASSURED OF A BRILLIANT FUTURE

Essay

A Great, Harmonious Family

A few days ago I happened to run across a foreign visitor's article on his impression of our country. It reads in part:

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Particularly I was deeply impressed by the Korean children.

We had a chance to visit the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace, the Creche of Kim Jong Tae Electric Locomotive Factory and the Kindergarten of Chongsan Cooperative Farm. Everywhere we visited, lovely children rushed to us with joyful shouts, their faces beaming with radiant smiles. Some hung on our hands naively and others threw themselves into our arms. The way they welcomed us was gratifying.

We were perfect strangers to them. And yet they greeted us with so trustful air. Such qualities set me to think of the children of my country.

Greeted by a stranger on the street a lovely child usually does not respond or takes to his heels quickly, frightened. Why? Always uppermost in his mind is his mother's warning to keep away from a stranger. There is every reason for this. In my country such crimes—kidnapping children and selling them or holding them as a hostage to demand money of their parents—are rife like a widespread epidemic disease. So mothers are always threatened with the danger of losing their sons and daughters any minute.

I stopped reading the article, lost in meditation, and saw two children in imagination: One loves people trustingly, the other shuns them mistrustingly.

The saying goes that a child's mind is what mirrors all things as they are. Then, what do these two different children's minds reflect?

The feeling of trust emanates not from the abstract conception. It is based on the man-to-man relation in a social system.

A tiny fraction of sample ore leads us to find out the grade of huge mineral ore deposits, and one word to the wise is enough. Likewise, what is mirrored in the minds of the two children gives us a glimpse of the characteristics of the two diametrically different societies.

Those who are accustomed to live under the bright sunshine in fresh air cannot sense the brightness and freshness, considering them matter-of-fact. Likewise, our people deem their children's merry and cheerful life as a matter of ordinary run. But foreign visitors regard it as something extraordinary. Reflected in their life is the man-to-man relation based on mutual trust under our social system, the essential feature of our society which forms a great, happy family.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"Today our society has been turned into a great, harmonious Red family where the entire people are closely united as a political force; in this great family all are working and living filled with revolutionary ardour and optimism."

To live in a society without social evils and irregularities where all people are harmoniously united in their life, helping and pulling each other forward, like a family under the same roof was an ardent desire people had cherished over thousands of years.

Many thinkers, humanists and poets of all ages and countries—renowned or unknown to fame—through thousands upon thousands of books, expressed their honest-minded thinking, hoping for the advent of such ideal society.

For all these it remained a utopian dream in the exploiter society based on the private ownership, a society where the man's relationship is characterized by hostility, antagonism and mistrust.

Today our people live and work in a society which has come into reality from a cherished but remote dream of mankind.

A society can become as harmonious as a family, only when people trust and love each other, relying on each other in all sincerity, with the same ideology and purpose.

In our society the social cause of all forms of mistrust, antagonism and envy was removed for good under the wise guidance of the great leader. There are neither oppressors nor exploiters. All are equal, closely united in comradely relation.

All members of our society honestly work for the sake of their country, filled with ambition, ardour and optimism, helping and pulling each other forward under the motto "One for all and all for one".

Our society is pervaded throughout with the only one idea, the great leader's Juche idea. All the people think and act as one in conformity with the fatherly leader's idea and intention. They always bubble with fervent loyalty to him.

Deep-seated in their hearts is a sense of the greatest honour and happiness that derives from the fact that they are under the well-advised guidance of the great leader. They are ready to willingly dedicate their youth and even their lives for his sake.

This allegiance is undivided. Fostered in long years it has now become as strong as iron; it is a manifestation of the loftiest feeling and abiding faith of our people who learned the bitter lesson from the absence of a great leader in former days.

Our people live in a great, harmonious family founded by the fatherly leader. They are educated by the respected and beloved leader. They are united with unbounded fidelity to him. They are virtually sons and daughters of the fatherly leader, as close as real brothers.

Not only the destiny and honour of our country and nation but also the glory and happiness of an ordinary family or an unknown revolutionary fighter are linked directly with the great leader's guidance and solicitude. As a baby can hardly be torn from his mother's breast, so our people can never be torn from the broad-minded embrace of the fatherly leader. They are forging ahead along the road of allegiance, rallied around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of revolution, as eternally as innumerable planets in the solar system orbit the sun.

Immeasurable indeed are the honour, pride and happiness of our people as they live and work in a great, harmonious family, holding the fatherly leader in high esteem. This is why they sing from the bottom of their hearts:

... ...

Our father is Marshal Kim Il Sung
Our home is the bosom of the Party

We are all real brothers
We have nothing to envy in the world

Yun Jong Ok

People's Life Bountiful and Cultured

Great changes have taken place in our people's life thanks to the great favours of the respected and beloved leader, the affectionate father of our people.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"Today the living conditions of our working people are better than ever before. None of them has any worries about food, clothing and shelter or about the education of his sons and daughters."

The great leader set up the most progressive system—the socialist system—free from exploitation and oppression in this land and shows endless solicitude for the betterment of the well-being of the working people. Our people are now enjoying a bountiful and cultured life free from any worries about their life.

Providing the population with food, clothing and housing is the criterion showing the people's living standards. This fundamental problem has been solved long ago in our country.

The foundations of an independent national economy firmly laid in our country are fully satisfying the material needs of the daily-improving people's life.

Before liberation this country produced less than 14 centimetres of fabric per capita. But it is now in a position to turn out scores of metres per head of the population. Our country where food grain was in short supply in the past now produces every year grains enough to feed the population. Every year modern houses are springing up in great profusion in towns and rural villages. Educational, cultural and public health establishments including schools and hospitals are modernly equipped.

Our farmers do farming with the state's support and get grain distribution every year, whose amount is enough to feed each family unit for several years. The state provides factory and office workers with rice whose price is next to nothing. It purchases rice from farmers at a high price and supplies it to wage and salary workers at a low price to give additional benefits to them. Thus, no one has any worries about food in our country.

Our working people were so poor that they had no clothes to change in former days. But they are now well-dressed. All the students and children are provided with fine clothes at a low price with the change of seasons.

All factory and office workers are granted houses by the state and farmers also live in modern houses built at state expense. All working people are favoured by great privileges in using their houses. House rents and fuel, electricity and water fees are so low as to be free.

The taxes, a legacy of old society, were completely abolished in our country. The real income of the working people is on the rapid growth and commodities are in smooth supply to meet the increasing demands of the population.

All our working people are learning to their hearts' content, according to their wishes and abilities. Present-day Korea has a large army of one million intellectuals and all the working people will attain the educational standard of senior middle school graduate and acquire one modern technology or more in the near future. The students who account for one-third of the population are involved in universal compulsory eleven-year education system. All the students of schools at various levels including the institutes of higher learning are given education gratis and those students of universities and colleges and higher specialized schools get even scholarships from the state.

In our country the people are most valued. Thanks to the introduction of universal free medical service, working people receive medical treatment without paying a penny. In all parts where people live medical establishments and medical workers are to be found. They take care of the health of working people with utmost responsibility. No wonder, therefore, that people enjoy longevity.

Following the conversion of clinics into hospitals and the opening of bus service in rural areas, water piping is now vigorously pushed ahead. This is contributing to eliminating the gaps between the rural and urban dwellers in living conditions.

Indeed, poverty, hunger and ignorance have become a story of the past in our country and all the working people are enjoying a bountiful and cultured life which is inconceivable in the past.

Our happiness today—it is made possible only due to the profound benefaction of the great leader who shows boundless affection to the people and dedicates his all to bring about a rich life to them. This is why we sing a hymn of gratitude and glory to the fatherly leader and make a firm determination to remain loyal to him for ever following the pathway indicated by him.

Kim Su Yon

Korea's Economy Develops Rapidly under Uplifted Red Banner of Three Revolutions

Now the three-revolution movement—ideological, technical and cultural—is vigorously pushed forward in Chollima Korea which is steadily thriving under the radiant rays of Juche. Great leap forward and progress have been achieved in all fields of the economy and culture, ideology and morality.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"Holding high the three red banners of ideological, technical and cultural revolutions, our Party actively enlisted the wisdom and creative initiative of all our working people and brought their revolutionary spirit of self-reliance into full play, thus achieving tremendous successes in the building of socialism."

The respected and beloved leader, a great thinker and theoretician, advanced an original policy of three revolutions in a masterly way, which would constitute the guarantee for the victorious realization of the revolutionary cause of the working class. This policy means the great programme conceived to build an independent, sovereign state, wealthy and powerful, and achieve national prosperity, and the banner of struggle that provides the energy to bring about an uninterrupted upswing in the revolution and construction.

The great leader, the genius of creation and construction, intelligently steered our people towards the struggle to successfully implement the policy of three revolutions. This guidance resulted in removing the centuries-old backwardness and poverty and building a rich and powerful socialist industrial state in this land. In the course of carrying out the revolutionary cause of Juche, undying feats have been performed.

Based on the already attained success, the great leader who has been leading our people in continuous innovations, inaugurated the "Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement", aimed at driving three revolutions forward more vigorously in a mass movement. This provided new opportunities for our people to bring about another great upsurge in the revolution and construction.

Our people always take to heart the great leader's teaching because they know well it is a real earnest of the eternal prosperity of the nation and happiness of all generations to come. Now they began to move forward at extraordinarily high speed in order to accelerate socialist economic construction under the motto: "Let's meet the requirements of Juche in ideology, technology and culture!", a militant slogan of mass movement for three revolutions.

With the vigorous promotion of three revolutions the ideological level of the working people and their technical and cultural standards have risen rapidly and technological progress has been made.

Particularly to be noted here is that the revolutionary world outlook of Juche has been established more firmly among our working people; their hearts burn with the desire to remain loyal to the great leader forever; and they are filled with revolutionary ardour to implement the policy of three revolutions, thus hastening the advent of brighter future.

Inexhaustible revolutionary zeal of the working people—this is the very motive force driving the socialist construction at hurricane speed. Credit for wonderful miracles and innovations in production and construction is due to this zeal.

In the midst of the three-revolution movement the might of our Juche industry has been strengthened beyond compare.

The recent years have witnessed the commissioning of a number of power plants including the Pukchang Thermal Power Station, Sodusu Power Station, Tokhyon and Pujon mines; and Toksong and Sochang coal mines and others. These would help toward consolidating the fuel, power and raw material bases of the country.

At the Kimchaek Iron and Steel Works, an iron-producing centre in our northern region, mammoth blast furnaces and large steel and rolling workshops have been built, and expansion projects of many production facilities completed in other iron and steel works in different parts of the country. Iron industry relying on our domestic fuel has developed rapidly. This has inevitably led to radically boosting the steel production capacity and reinforcing the independency of our ferrous metallurgical industry.

Large, new chemical industry bases have sprung up in different places of the country. In only one or two years there has been created the base capable of producing one million-ton phosphorous fertilizer. The modernly reequipped February 8 Vinalon Complex is now in a position to turn out 50,000 tons of vinalon and vinyl chloride respectively, whose output is 2-3 times greater than before.

Modern textile mills and knitting factories, food factories and other consumer goods producing bases which would be conducive to the betterment of people's life, have come into being in great profusion.

In the period from 1971 to August 1975, when the Six-Year Plan was carried out, modern factories and workshops as many as 1,055 were built. Thus the whole country has been covered with a dense network of factories. The structure of the industrial branches has been further perfected.

In the course of implementing three revolutions, three major tasks of the technical revolution are also being successfully carried out.

A big stride forward has been observed in the engineering industry, the core of heavy industry and the basis of the development of all branches of the national economy and technological progress. This industry is now manufacturing such large machines as 300 h.p. bulldozers, 20,000-ton cargo boats, 10 cubic metre excavators, 3,000 h.p. high speed engines, 2,500 h.p. diesel locomotives, 100-ton lorries, 20-metre lathes and other efficient machines and precision machines.

Comprehensive mechanization and automation are progressing forcefully in all domains of the national economy thanks to the development of Juche-oriented science and technology, and of the engineering industry, with the result that heavy, backbreaking labour and work in excessive heat or under other harmful conditions are being gradually eliminated. It is worthy to note that pipeline, belt-conveyer and cableway have been introduced in transport extensively, which means a revolution in the field of transportation.

With the allround promotion of comprehensive mechanization and chemicalization of agriculture, agriculture is getting closer to the level of industry and the disparity between agricultural and industrial labour is being diminished.

Innovations have been made in the daily necessities industry and food industry. Thus women are being freed from the heavy burdens of household work.

With the successful implementation of the sacred task of freeing forever the working people, freed from exploitation and oppression, even from the fetters of nature, and with the reinforcement of technological equipment of the national economy, labour is becoming joyous and efficient.

The heightened enthusiasm of the working people who march forward in the spirit of Chollima under the uplifted red banner of three revolutions, and tremendous technological progress have further strengthened our independent national economy and steadily reinforced its might.

In recent years our economy has developed at high tempo, not affected by the economic convulsion sweeping the capitalist world.

During the time from 1971 to August 1975 the annual average industrial production showed an 18.4 per cent increase.

Thanks to the full-scale introduction of Juche-based farm method of the great leader and the powerful assistance of the socialist industry, unfavourable climatic conditions caused by the influence of cold front have been overcome and grain production is on the rapid growth. In 1973 and 1974, miraculous achievements were made in grain output: it increased by 30 per cent or more. Last year witnessed the production of over 700,000 tons more of grain than in the previous year.

Surely, Korea's economy is growing steadily at rapid rate in the midst of carrying out ideological, technical and cultural revolutions.

Holding aloft the great revolutionary banner, the red banner of three revolutions, our people, while consolidating achievements already made, are concentrating their efforts on laying foundations for a new leap forward towards reaching in a breath the ten major perspective goals of huge socialist economic construction, aimed to increase the country's economic potential several times more than now.

Li Chan Sun

Pyongyang, capital of revolution, is wrapped in happiness on the holiday of April

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Khawaja Abdul Rehman

We wish Your Excellency a happy birthday!
We wish Your Excellency a happy birthday!
Of the life it is a memorial and sacred day
On this sacred day we are also happy and gay

An embodiment of intellects and skill
A person of self-possessing and will
A true patriot, a warrior and a scholar
A radical, a designer and a philosopher

Every one of your mass is a happy soul
Each of them is to get a fixed goal
Prosperity is speedy in every home and park
Of a good democracy it is the trade mark

Of the bloom you enjoyed two and three score
And may avail many such sprigs more
You may shine eternal on the world's screen
In every strife may be victorious and evergreen

Today's best use is to study one's ownself
To remove the evils, wrongs and the pelf
To determine firmly to help the misery
Which is the secret to be gay and merry

In the history a good name is always cherished
Its marvellous feats and deeds never perished
So always be good and do good till you alive
So that your name and fame may ever survive

May you get the happiness of the universe!
May you always keep full of money your purse!
So that you may serve to your community
To achieve the heights of the life's beauty.

(Author is Pakistani poet)

A foreigner's family respectfully places a basket of flowers in front of the portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, wishing him a long life and good health

South Korean People Live and Fight with Fortitude Looking Up to the Great Leader

"Great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, we always entertain profound respect for you!

Fatherly leader, we yearn to you so ardently, awake or asleep. When we call your name, our hearts swell with emotions...

We offer you warm congratulations.

Beloved leader,

May you live long in good health!"

This earnest desire manifested in a congratulatory message addressed to the great leader by a south Korean woman longing for the embrace of the fatherly leader is cherished in the hearts of all the south Korean people today.

Recalling with deep reverence the image of the great leader who rose as the sun of the nation radiating all over in the darkest period of Japanese imperialist colonial rule, an intellectual of south Korea wrote in his note:

"He is the national hero who appeared as a comet in the grim period when the people in this land were in the depths of despair and misfortunes befell on them. Evidently he represented a beacon and a bright future for the fellow countrymen.

Crossing and recrossing the thick forests of Mt. Paekdu-san swept by severe snowstorm and covering thousands upon thousands of *ri* in the vast wilderness of Manchuria, a foreign land, General Kim Il Sung repulsed the Japanese imperialists, the enemy of our nation and historically-confirmed aggressors, and worked off the grudge of our countrymen.

He is the sun, hope and power of our nation, indeed."

The fatherly leader, the sun of the nation, inspires the south Korean people with the hope of national resurrection. He advanced the superb policy for national reunification by applying his immortal Juche idea. He brightly illuminates the road of struggle and stretches his warm hand of relief to save them from the slough of miseries and tribulations.

Moved by this tender affection of the fatherly leader, the south Korean people are fighting staunchly and persistently for democratic freedom and the independent and peaceful reunification of the country in defiance of the frantic suppression of the US imperialists and their stooges. They say, "It is the pride and happiness of our nation to have Marshal Kim Il Sung as the leader of the nation," "Our people are anxiously waiting for General Kim Il Sung who will surely come to the south someday. We are firmly resolved to fight to move up the day when we will eternally attend the great leader from generation to generation."

A revolutionary of south Korea cried out:

"Compatriots! Brothers and sisters! We can no longer endure the 30 year long tragedy of the nation's distress, the tragedy of national division.

If we fail to put an end to this disgraceful history, how can we be proud of being the people in this land who live looking up to the great leader President Kim Il Sung?

Let us all come forward in the fierce anti-fascist democratic resistance struggle for national reunification out of an intense loyalty to the great fatherly leader. We wish to enjoy happiness in his warm embrace."

A worker named Li Chol Ung residing in Taegu, North Kyongsang Province, shouted in an excited tone before the workers gathered at the Taegu station:

"If we sit idly by, we will have a hard time till death. We should not sigh in vain for our destitution but unite in one body and fight. Let us fight stubbornly, shouting at the top of our voices 'Long live General Kim Il Sung!'

We people in the south should and must attend the General faithfully and live under his tender care as soon as possible."

His ardent appeal enkindled in the hearts of all those assembled deep reverence for the great leader.

A woman patriot of south Korea arrested by fascist hangmen collapsed several times under the enemy's atrocious tortures in prison, but she never yielded. With her hair pin she engraved on the prison wall the letters "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" and a map of the 3,000-*ri* land of reunified Korea.

Even behind bars, the thoughts of south Korean people turn toward the great leader.

"When one lives with the great leader's idea as one's faith, one will not die for ever and when one does not breathe and think as he does, one will end one's life as a useless being with no conviction. This is a lesson I got throughout my life.

What a happy man I will be, if I have the right to enjoy the sweets of recollection of my life—if I can say before the nation that I've lived and fought in accordance with the great leader's idea! I am well aware that happiness lies not in gaining gold or living in a luxurious mansion but means to practice intense loyalty to General Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, fighting as his soldier. To enjoy this happiness I'll go on fighting even though there are only a few hours left."

Today all the south Korean people have sincere belief in the revolutionary idea of the great leader and their reverence for and loyalty to him, the fatherly leader, is burning like a lava in their hearts, and this gives the enemy a hard-hitting blow with a force more powerful than bomb.

By no means can the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique dampen this spirit of the people. The south Korean people will surely win victory in their struggle to reunify the country, so that they will greet the fatherly leader at the plaza of reunification.

Kim Yun Sik

The day will surely come when the people in south Korea will be embraced by the great leader

"Comrade KIM IL SUNG Is the Great Sun of the 20th Century"

World People's Respect and Reverence for the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung originated the immortal Juche idea and lights up the path of the times with its brilliant rays. That is why the world people's feelings of infinite respect and reverence for him are growing from day to day.

The progressive people of all the continents in the world including Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America speak highly of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in these terms: "A peerless hero", "The most outstanding leader of the world revolution" and "The sun of mankind".

"Kimilsungism Is an Acme of the Ideology of the Working Class"

"The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung founded the immortal human philosophy, the Juche idea, that everything is thought of, appreciated and mobilized with the man as the central factor." **(Abu Zair Hassan, a staff member of the Egyptian Central Organization of General Mobilization and Computation)**

"The great Juche idea initiated by President Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader, is a completely new idea of our times theorized and systematized through the practical experiences." **(Editor-in-Chief of Panama daily "El Matutino")**

"The Juche idea demands that one should maintain independence and creativeness as the fundamental stand and fundamental method in remaking the nature and transforming the society. The Juche idea was founded in the course of the struggle and through the independent and creative activities of the masses and indicates the strategy and tactics and fighting ways in conformity with every specific historic stage." **(Dean of the Law Faculty of the Quito University in Ecuador)**

"Kimilsungism is an acme of the ideology of the working class. It represents the guiding idea, guiding theory and guiding method of our times and is a beacon illumining the path of the history of mankind. Indeed, Comrade Kim Il Sung is the greatest thinker and theoretician born of mankind and the supreme leader of the world people and the only centre of the world revolution." **(A professor of a college in Paris, France)**

"Comrade KIM IL SUNG Is the Most Outstanding Leader of the World Revolution"

"Comrade Kim Il Sung is not only the great leader of the Korean people but a prominent leader of the people the world over. This is because he advances the lines and policies and strategic and tactical problems which the revolutionary parties should maintain in the anti-colonial struggle, socialist revolution and socialist construction and in every time and every stage of the revolution and construction and originally solves all the theoretical and practical questions raised by the present times and leads the people to victory.

He is really a great man. He is the great sun of the 20th century clearly blazing the path of the revolution." **(Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party and its Secretary)**

"Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is the greatest socialist thinker and practician and the most outstanding leader of the world revolution.

He has the most seasoned and noble virtue and is the most prominent and able politician, the most distinguished revolutionist and military commander. And he also represents the most brilliant idea.

The history has never known the greater and more versatile person than him.

He is not only the hero of the 20th century but the hero of all ages." **(A noted political figure in India)**

"President KIM IL SUNG Is a Great Leader Boundlessly Benign and Tender-hearted"

"The great leader President Kim Il Sung has an absolutely perfect revolutionary character no one can possess.

The leader is a legendary hero. He is very kind and tender-hearted, simple and modest. He is a man of informal character, indeed. This personality is bestowed only upon the great leader President Kim Il Sung. It cannot be found in anyone else." **(Vice-Chairman of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and Secretary of the Arab Lawyers Association)**

"There are many eminent leaders in the world, but we do not know of such a leader as the great leader President Kim Il Sung who always finds himself among the people and shares joys and sorrows with them.

Really, President Kim Il Sung is immensely magnanimous, gentle and broad-minded.

President Kim Il Sung is not only an outstanding military strategist but also a great leader boundlessly benign and tender-hearted." **(Head of a delegation of woman activists of the Japan Socialist Party which had visited our country)**

"All facts clearly show that President Kim Il Sung is a great leader of revolution, the only centre of the international communist movement and eternal leader guaranteeing the final victory of world revolution, the appearance of whom mankind had long craved for.

To defend President Kim Il Sung and follow the President—this is a worthwhile, common task confronting all the people who aspire to progress and democracy." **(A member of the "Youth Study Group of the Juche Idea" in Tokyo, Japan)**

Today hundreds of millions of people in the world earnestly wish the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung good health and a long life out of an ardent desire to be guided by him forever and to take a short cut in revolution, under the banner of Juche.

That is why a member of the Mauritius-Korea Friendship Society chants the following verses reflecting the unanimous aspiration of the world revolutionary people and their reverence for him:

"...
Song of our reverence for and thanks to him,
Our feeling of loyalty to him,
Never comparable to the vast ocean,
Never comparable to the luxuriant forests in the tropical zone.
Oh, the world extends glory to him,
Embattled revolutionary fighters
Sincerely wish him good health and longevity.

Foreign friends studying the revolutionary ideas of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung

Sudanese pressmen do their best to introduce and propagate immortal classic works of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung

A scene of the "forum on the works of President Kim Il Sung" held in Japan

Revolutionary people of the world warmly welcome the visit of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to foreign countries with the feelings of boundless respect and reverence

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